

Louisiana State Civil Service Commissioner



Burl Cain is the Commission's Vice-Chairman. Since 1990, he has held the only elected seat on the seven-member panel through two elections. Since becoming Warden of Louisiana State Penitentiary (LSP) in Angola in 1995, he has received national and state commendations for implementing rehabilitative and humanitarian programs for the prison population. He received the prestigious "Warden of the Year" award from the North American Association of Wardens and Superintendents.

Cain began his career in state government in 1976 as the Assistant Secretary of Agri-Business, Louisiana Department of Corrections. In 1981, he was promoted to Warden of Dixon Correctional Institute, a medium security adult male prison. Before working in state government, Cain was the Director of Field Services for the Louisiana Farm Bureau.

He was born and reared in Pitkin, Louisiana (Vernon Parish), where he attended local public schools. He graduated from Louisiana State University in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agribusiness and holds a Masters Degree from Grambling State University.

To escape the constant pressures of running LSP, the nation's largest adult male maximum security prison, Cain enjoys hunting and traveling around the country on his motorcycle. He once rode his motorcycle from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean. In one trip, he crossed the Golden Gate Bridge three times. As often as he can, he accepts speaking invitations to relay hope, encouragement and common sense wisdom to college students. He uses wit and most often farm-life stories to "impress on them what's important in life" like "doing something good when you don't expect something back" and that people "shouldn't keep score in life."

Cain is married to Jonalyn Miceli. He has three children, Nate, Amanda and Marshall.

